at office and residence of Shri J. K. Gulati at Kathara and at his house in New Delhi. During the search at New Delhi, the raiding party seized hard cash to tune of Rs. 7,92,310/-. The total assets discovered following searches amounted to Rs. 16,65,941.97 which includes cash, bank accounts etc. and house-hold goods assessed at Rs. 2,13,595/-. CBI investigations are in progress. Pending receipt of investigation report from CBI, Shri J. K. Gulati, General Manager has been transferred by the CCL Management from Kathara Area to the Head Quarters on administrative grounds and further action, including disciplinary action, will be taken after receipt of investigation report from CBI.

Execution of various Thermal Power Projects

2671. KUMARI SUSHILA TIRIA: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) what is the progress made so far in the execution of various thermal power plants envisaged in the currrent plan period both in the Central and State sectors;

(b) whether some of these projects are not likely to be completed by the end of the Plan; if so, what are the names thereof; and

(c) what steps are being taken by Government to ensure their completion at least in the central sector during the Seventh Five Year Plan period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHATGI): (a) Thermal capacity totalling 15,999 MW was programmed for commissioning during the 7th Plan period. As against this thermal capacity of 7277 MW in the Central and State Sectors, has already been commissioned/rolled upto end February, 1988.

(b) As per the present assessment, the thermal projects which are not likely to be completed by the end of the Seventh Plan period are Neyveli 2nd Minecut Extn. Unit-IV, Tuticorin Extn. Unit-V, Tenughat Unit-I, Lakwa Gas Turbine Units, V, VI, VII and VIII, Birsinghpur Unit-I, Kolaghat Unit-I, Bokaro 'B' Units II & III and Kolaghat Extension Unit-IV.

(c) A number of measures have been taken to expedite the implementation of power projects including those in the Central Sector which include regular monitoring of the projects by the Central Electricity Authority to expedite supply of equipments and materials, visits to projects sites by engineers of the CEA to identify and resolve constraints, organising review meetings of agencies concerned etc. The need to obviate time and cost overruns is also being constantly emphasised on Project Authorities.

Import of Car Phones

2672. SHRIMATI KRISHNA KAUL: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to import car phones, if so, what are the details regarding the quantity and value thereof;

(b) the amount of foreign exchange likely to be spent; and

(c) the reasons for which these are being imported?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY AND THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI VASANT SATHE): (a) Yes, Sir. It is proposed to introduce modern cellular mobile radio telephone system in Bombay with an initial capacity of 1200 lines on experimental basis. The estimated cost of this system is Rs. 9.5 crores approximately. The capacity of this system is likely to be expanded later to 5000 lines. Similar system is also

likely to be later installed in other major cities.

(b) Rs. 6.9 crores approximately.

(c) The cellular mobile radio telephone system is being imported because (i) it is not yet being manufactured in the country; (ii) it is proposed to utilise this technology to provide long distance public telephones in villages.

Shortage of Polio Vaccines

2673. SHRIMATI KRISHNA KAUL: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that vaccines to combat polio, measles hopatitis and rabies are in short supply in the country; and

(b) if so, what steps are contemplated to be taken to increase the production of these vaccines?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) shortage of Oral Folio Vaccine and Anti-Rabies Vaccines were reported recently from many places

(b) under the provision of the new DPCO, 1987, all vaccines except Hepatitis B have been price decontrolled for increasing indigenous production.

NTPC Scheme for Andhra Pradesh

2674. SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether any scheme has been framed by the National Thermal Power Corporation to increase the power generating capacity of its projects in Andhra Pradesh during the Seventh Five Year Plan period to meet the power shortage; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof along with the funds earmarked for this purpose.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHTAGI): (a) and (b) The National Thermal Power Corporation (NTPC) is setting up the Ramagundam Super Thermal Power Project (3x200 plus 3x500 MW) in Andhra Pradesh for supply of power to the States in the Southern Region. While the 200 MW units have come into commercial operation, the 500 MW units are in various stages of construction. The first two 500 MW units are expected to be commissioned in July, 1988 and July, 1989.

An allocation of Rs. 1100.70 crores has been made for the power station and its associated transmission lines during the Seventh Plan period.

Supply of Electricity for Agricultural Purposes

2675. KUMARI SUSHILA TIRIA: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government have issued necessary directives to State Governments to make arrangements to provide electricity to the farmers for irrigation purposes for at least 12 hours a day; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHATGI): (a) and (b) State Governments of the drought affected areas have been advised to make arrangements to supply electricity to agricultural sector for at least 8-10 hours daily, preferably during daylight hours.